

THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A covering for a suction hose having a length comprising:
5 a sleeve positioned around a suction hose and extending at least along a portion of a length of a suction hose; and
at least one restraint positioned on the sleeve for removably coupling the sleeve to a suction hose.
- 10 2. The covering of claim 1, wherein the at least one restraint includes at least one of an elastic cord and cord lock, an elastic cuff, a lash, a velcro strap, a belt having a buckle, a strap having a snap, and at least one tie.
- 15 3. The covering of claim 1, wherein the at least one restraint is positioned at one end of the sleeve.
4. The covering of claim 3, wherein the at least one restraint comprises two restraints, each of which is positioned at an end of the sleeve.
- 20 5. The covering of claim 1, wherein the restraints are configured to allow the sleeve to be movable along the length of a suction hose.
6. The covering of claim 1, wherein the sleeve is made of a washable material.
- 25 7. The covering of claim 1, wherein the sleeve is made of nylon or nylon blends.
8. The covering of claim 1, further comprising at least one handle positioned on the sleeve.

9. The covering of claim 8, wherein the at least one handle comprises two handles that are positioned on the sleeve, and the two handles are spaced from the ends of the sleeve.

5 10. The covering of claim 9, wherein the handles are sewn to the sleeve.

11. The covering of claim 8, wherein the at least one handle comprises a strap in the form of a loop positioned around the circumference of the sleeve, said handle being secured to the sleeve along part of its width and being free of the sleeve along another part of
10 its width.

12. The covering of claim 1, wherein the sleeve has a width that is greater than a diameter of the suction hose.

15 13. The covering of claim 1, further comprising a storage portion positioned on the sleeve.

14. The covering of claim 13, wherein the storage portion is at least one of a pocket that is sewn onto the sleeve and a plurality of lashes for lashing an instrument to the
20 sleeve.

15. The covering of claim 1, wherein the sleeve has a length that extends between a first and a second end of a suction hose.

25 16. The covering of claim 1, wherein the sleeve has a length that exceeds the length of a suction hose.

17. The covering of claim 1, wherein the sleeve includes indicia on an exterior surface thereof.

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18. The covering of claim 17, wherein the indicia is at least one of a logo, a name, a telephone number, and advertising material.

19. The covering of claim 17, wherein the indicia is positioned on at least one
5 patch that is connected to the sleeve.

20. The covering of claim 17, wherein the indicia is screen printed, sewn, or painted on the sleeve.

10 21. The covering of claim 1, further comprising at least one reflective member positioned on the sleeve.

22. The covering of claim 21, wherein the reflective member comprises at least one reflective band positioned on the sleeve.
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23. The covering of claim 1, wherein the sleeve comprises a single sheet of material that is sewn along a single seam to form the sleeve for surrounding the suction hose.

24. The covering of claim 1, wherein the at least one restraint is positioned in the
20 vicinity of at least one end of the sleeve.

25. A method of advertising comprising:
positioning the covering of claim 17 around a suction hose.

25 26. The method of claim 25, further comprising positioning the suction hose on a vehicle such that the indicia is visible from an exterior of a vehicle.

27. A method of transporting a suction hose comprising:
positioning the covering of claim 8 around a suction hose;
30 grasping the at least one handle of the covering; and
transporting the suction hose.